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BUMPY BUS RIDE

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> —BMTC bus driver

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Namma Metro's Bettahalasur stop faces uncertainty as financial backing falters

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02 Documentary-play

Watch KP Poornachandra Tejaswi's docu-play "Annana Nenapu," presented by Pravara Theatre. The play reflects key excerpts of Tejaswi's life journey and portrays Kuvempu through the eyes of Tejaswi. It conveys the important chapters that depict the significance of Kuvempu's place in Kannada cultural history, along with the key literature topics, and emphasises the Karnataka Unification Movement. **Where: Kalagrama Samskruthika Samuchaya, Mallathahalli**
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Market buzz

Farmers from various parts of the state gather with goats and sheep ahead of Bakrid at Idgah Maidan on Thursday in Bengaluru

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Digital database: Recording 'plant wealth of Lalbagh'

Project aims to gather, digitise information for each plant species; 900 species compiled so far

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File photo of the Republic Day flower show at Lalbagh Botanical Gardens

The Horticulture Department has initiated a project aimed at developing a digital database for the numerous plant species within Lalbagh Botanical Garden. Within the garden, more than three GPS-based camera traps have captured images of over 1,000 plant species. However, the department currently lacks comprehensive records detailing information about these plants.

The objective of this project is to establish a comprehensive digital database encompassing details of all plant species, such as their leaves, stems, flowers, and fruits, within Lalbagh Botanical Garden. This database is intended to serve conservation efforts and facilitate scientific research related to plant life. The department intends to gather and digitise information for each plant species, including photographs, which will be archived in a digital repository. This initiative is expected to aid in both the preservation and examination of these plant species.

An official said, "A herbarium sheet is created by affixing plant samples to it and labelling them accordingly. The process of preparing one herbarium sheet typically takes about 15–20 days. The recorded information on these sheets encompasses the plant's botanical name, origin, growth habits, flowering and fruiting seasons, leaf shedding time, scientific name, uses, and age. This data proves beneficial for conservation efforts and scientific research related to plants. These herbarium sheets are then stored in a digital repository, aiding in the preservation and study of various plant species."

Sources added that the herbarium sheets meticulously compile and organise all relevant information in a systematic manner, including corresponding GPS-based photographs of the plants. This ongoing project, which commenced a year ago, is anticipated to require another year and a half to reach completion, as per the Horticulture Department's estimation.

"The Horticulture Department officials said that after the documentation work is complete, a book titled 'Plant Wealth of Lalbagh' will be published. The entire information in the book will be made available through a QR code. This digitization project will help in the conservation of endangered plant species and also facilitate the exchange of plant species with the world's top five botanical gardens. Students researching plants, biodiversity researchers, and anyone interested in plants will have access to scientific information. Additionally, the department can generate revenue through the sale of the book," said Dr TK Jagadish, Joint Director, Horticulture Department.

> **"A herbarium sheet is created by affixing plant samples to it and labelling them accordingly, then stored in digital repository** – Official

The Horticulture Department officials claimed that they have made substantial progress in documenting the plant species within Lalbagh Botanical Garden. Currently, information about 900 species has been compiled, and the department anticipates wrapping up the documentation process within the coming year. "This project, which involves the creation of herbarium sheets, procurement of racks, and other necessary equipment for digitalization, is estimated to cost approximately Rs 25 lakhs. A dedicated team of 15 individuals is diligently working on this project," added Jagadish.

Bettahalasur Metro Station project stuck in limbo

Namma Metro's crucial stop faces uncertainty as financial backing falters

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The fate of the Bettahalasur Metro Station is hanging in limbo as a private real estate firm, initially committed to financing its construction with approximately Rs 140 crore, has withdrawn its support. Despite an initial payment of Rs one crore, the firm has ceased communication and action, leaving the project's future uncertain. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) officials convened a meeting with major builders and private companies on May 29, but the firm in question was conspicuously absent. Consequently, concerns arise regarding the lack of progress on the station, which is crucial to the Namma Metro project's integrity.

A source revealed, "The construction of the Bettahalasur Metro Station has been halted due to the company's inability to meet its financial obligations, despite an initial agreement." Meanwhile, progress on the Jakkur Plantation Metro Station, with an estimated cost of Rs 120 crore, is nearing completion, benefiting nearby residents.

Originally excluded from plans, the inclusion of the Bettahalasur station resulted from the private firm's interest, which was later retracted due to financial constraints. Although BMRCL initially announced the project's cancellation in December 2022, public pressure led to the inclusion of a smaller station in the plan. The company has once again expressed interest in constructing the station in 2023, but uncertainties persist. An official stated, "The construction of Jakkur Plantation and Chikkajala stations is confirmed, while the status of the Bettahalasur station remains uncertain." The estimated cost of the project stands at Rs 140 crore. Amidst these developments, concerns loom over the future of the Bettahalasur Metro Station, highlighting the challenges faced in executing crucial infrastructural projects.

Glitch delay: Meanwhile, passengers of Metro's Purple Line were stranded for about an hour due to a technical issue on Thursday

PSDs on Blue and Pink lines

The contract to implement the signalling system and platform screen doors (PSDs) for the Blue Line and Pink Line routes of the metro, which will connect to the international airport, has been awarded to a private company. Valued at approximately Rs 802 crore, the contract includes five years of operation and maintenance as well as staff training.

The scope of work under this contract encompasses the installation of PSDs at the stations on the Blue Line from Central Silk Board to KR Puram (2A) and from KR Puram to Kempegowda International Airport (2B), and on the Pink Line from Nagawara to Kalena Agrahara.

> **Construction of Jakkur Plantation and Chikkajala Metro stations is confirmed, while status of Bettahalasur Metro station remains uncertain**
>
> –Official

Additionally, it includes the implementation of the signalling system for both lines. A Metro official said, "PSDs are being installed on the Pink Line with a focus on passenger safety. Full-height PSDs will be installed at the underground stations, while half-height PSDs will be installed at the Airport City station. An operation control centre is being built at Baiyappanahalli for the Blue Line, with a backup control centre at Peenya. These centres will manage the movement of trains. The 53 trains being constructed by BEML will be operated from these centres. The growing number of suicide attempts by jumping in front of trains has underscored the need for PSDs on the existing commercial lines, including the Purple and Green Lines. The focus on safety measures like PSDs aims to mitigate such incidents and enhance overall passenger security."

Non-bailable warrant issued against ex-CM BSY

In a major development, a special court in Bengaluru on Thursday issued a non-bailable warrant against former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa in connection with the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Posco) case, relating to the alleged sexual harassment of a minor, against him.

The First Fast Track Court, for Pocso cases, issued the warrant, considering the submission by the prosecution that Yediyurappa is powerful, had not appeared for the investigation even after being issued notice, and there is information that he is presently located in another state. Yediyurappa had attempted to hush up the case and also tried to lure the complainant by giving Rs two lakh to withdraw the complaint, it added. Following the order, the police are preparing to arrest Yediyurappa in connection with the Pocso case. Meanwhile, Yediyurappa on Thursday moved the Karnataka High Court, seeking anticipatory bail in the case. He had also filed a petition seeking a stay on the probe and the quashing of the case. The plea is likely to be taken up by the court on Friday.

The victim's mother, who passed away on May 26, had filed a case against Yediyurappa in March. A writ petition was submitted by the victim's brother to the HC on Wednesday, seeking his arrest in the case. According to sources, the Congress government has decided to initiate legal action against Yediyurappa and appointed Special Public Prosecutor Ashok N Nayak to represent the prosecution in the case. **–IANS**

Gambling, cricket betting top B'luru's 2024 crime list

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Despite ongoing efforts, illegal activities remain a significant issue in Bengaluru. Data released by the Bengaluru City Police indicates that in May alone, 40 individuals were arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Throughout 2024, the city has experienced a concerning number of such NDPS cases each month, with 38 cases in January, 48 in February, 38 in March, 43 in April, and 26 in May.

Along with that, authorities have intensified their crackdown on various illegal activities, resulting in numerous arrests across multiple cases. Notably, gambling and cricket betting top the list, with 27 and 34 cases leading to the arrests of 182 and 69 individuals, respectively. Matka, another form of gambling, saw four arrests in just two cases. Additionally, two cases of other betting resulted in seven arrests.

> **In May alone, 40 individuals were arrested in NDPS cases. Gambling, cricket betting dominate crime charts with 182 & 69 arrests, respectively**

Illicit liquor and excise-related offences also witnessed significant action, with six arrests in six cases. The Prohibition of Immoral Trafficking Act saw 23 cases, resulting in 28 arrests.

In cases involving illegal arms, one case was reported, but no arrests were made. Exorbitant interest rates led to two arrests in two cases. The enforcement of the EC Act resulted in six cases and six arrests, while 13 cases under the Copyright Act led to eight arrests. Also, the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act saw the highest number of cases at 76, with 79 arrests.

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BBMP breaks things in bid to fix what's not broken

Digging work for unnecessary drain in Vidyaranyapura ends up damaging electric cables

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The residents of Vidyaranyapura were in for a surprise when a contractor, engaged by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), arrived with an earthmover and a few workers. They had no clue about what was in store for them as they had not complained to the BBMP authorities about either water logging or the condition of the road.

The residents came to know that the BBMP authorities had decided to construct a drain in front of their homes to facilitate rainwater reaching the nearest stormwater drain, thus avoiding flooding or stagnation of water whenever it rained.

The residents were in shock when the contractor used an earthmover to dig up the vacant space between the buildings and the road for the construction of a drain. A few of them were compelled not only to spend sleepless nights due to no electricity but also to spend money to replace the damaged electric cables during the digging for the construction of the drain.

"There are some localities in Vidyaranyapura vulnerable to flooding and water stagnation whenever it rains heavily. I have been residing here for 28 years. There was no waterlogging or flooding on this road all these years. The contractor used earthmoving equipment for digging the roadside drain, resulting in damaging electric cables, thus compelling us to spend around Rs 18,000 to replace the damaged electric cable. We spent money as there was no electricity supply to our house," said Meera, a homemaker.

BBMP dug up vacant space between buildings and road to construct a drainage system

> **"I have been residing here for three decades. There was neither waterlogging nor flooding here whenever it rained heavily all these years** –Diwakar S, resident

The residents complain that the authorities concerned did not inform them of the plan to construct the roadside drain. They said that they do not know whom to approach among the BBMP authorities.

"I have been residing here for three decades. There was neither waterlogging nor flooding here whenever it rained heavily all these years. It will serve the purpose if the BBMP authorities engage contractors to construct drains at localities that are known for waterlogging and flooding. We did not ask the BBMP authorities to construct the roadside drain here," said Diwakar S, a resident.

He said the residents are not against BBMP authorities taking up developmental works. "There was no one to supervise the workers engaged by the contractor. The residents are not against the BBMP authorities taking up developmental works but it will serve the purpose if they consult the residents. Workers engaged for the construction of the roadside drain are not skilled workers. They themselves are repairing damaged water pipes instead of engaging a plumber," he said.

Meanwhile, BBMP Executive Engineer (Byatarayanapura) Pradeep said that he would look into the matter. "I will ask my subordinate to visit the spot and fix the problem. I will also direct my subordinate to repair the damaged water pipe."

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Urban decay
Nayanda Halli

A 200-ft long concrete slab has been built on the Rajakaluve near the Viveka City area, but only half of it is usable for vehicles. The other half has deteriorated into a large pothole, creating a hazardous situation as vehicles manoeuvre around piles of garbage.

Pathway concern
Shivaji Nagar

Stones placed over a month ago on E No. 1 Street in Lubbay Majid Street, Shivaji Nagar are still not fixed, posing risks for children walking there.

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Fix uneven paths of Chinnappanahalli lake

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The Walkers Association of Chinnappanahalli and AECS Layout Ward residents have petitioned the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to implement extensive improvements for Chinnappanahalli Lake. Their proposal aims to cut down on annual maintenance expenses and address long-standing issues with permanent solutions.

The walkers have suggested implementing a walking track design similar to Cubbon Park, featuring kerb stones flush with the track and lower soil and plant levels to prevent soil buildup and water stagnation. Furthermore, underground pipes at Cubbon Park prevent water seepage into the track, preventing damage and uneven surfaces. This design proposes a one-time investment to greatly cut down on future maintenance expenses.

Walking track and playground in need of revitalisation

The letter also highlights the importance of aesthetic enhancements and functional improvements such as fencing, immersion tanks, Kalyani, play equipment, and paddle wheel aerators. Indira Belde, a volunteer said, "Residents suggest painting the outdoor railings in a cost-effective base white colour. Further connecting Kalyani's outlet to the underground drainage (UGD) system would permanently resolve issues with stagnant, contaminated water. Replacing broken play equipment is essential for children's safety, especially since some equipment has been in disrepair for over five years. Installing aerators would also play a crucial role in maintaining dissolved oxygen levels in the lake, thereby preventing fish deaths."

They also highlighted that the public toilets around the lake are non-functional due to the lack of power connections and overhead tanks. Walkers and residents have made efforts to address these issues, but progress has been limited. Regular trimming, pruning of trees, removal of dried trees, and weeding are crucial for maintaining the health of the flora.

Additionally, there is a proposal to adjust or elevate submerged stone piers and schedule desilting operations outside the monsoon to improve effectiveness. The letter underscores the necessity of repairing fencing to prevent cattle from entering the lake and fixing outer perimeter fencing to deter intruders. It is vital to ensure proper connectivity of the Rajakaluve for inlets from Bhagmane premises and other areas to manage water flow and prevent contamination.

Residents emphasise ongoing concerns with sewage overflow near the gazebo, causing lake contamination. They propose closing open sewage at the entrance gate and installing CCTV cameras for surveillance. Additionally, they request regular maintenance of the security guard room. Ensuring proper lake maintenance, they stress the need to provide workers with adequate tools and safety gear.

Rain brings traffic to standstill

ORR, Panathur Cross particularly affected with jams lasting for hours

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Pedestrians caught in the rain in Bengaluru on Thursday

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The rains have once again exposed the dismal state of infrastructure in and around the Outer Ring Road (ORR), leading to extreme traffic jams that left commuters stranded for hours on Thursday. Particularly affected were the Gear School Road and Panathur Cross, where traffic came to a near standstill, frustrating thousands of residents and commuters.

The downpour that began during the evening resulted in creating a critical traffic situation and with the bad road conditions, the commuters couldn't move smoothly. The ORR, a major artery for Bengaluru's tech workforce, witnessed bumper-to-bumper traffic that stretched for several kilometres.

A citizen said, "It took me over three hours to travel a distance that normally takes 20 minutes. This is not the first time we are facing such issues. Every time it rains, the situation becomes chaotic. We have complained multiple times about the poor infrastructure, but nothing seems to change."

The Panathur Cross, a key junction connecting various parts of the city, was particularly affected. Residents have long been vocal about the inadequate drainage systems and the narrow roads that struggle to handle the heavy traffic. The recent rains have only highlighted these issues further.

> **It took me over three hours to travel a distance that takes 20 minutes. This is a recurring problem**
>
> –Commuter

A resident of the area disclosed that the roads are in terrible condition, full of potholes and poorly maintained. "With the rain, it becomes a nightmare. We have requested the authorities multiple times to improve the infrastructure, but there has been no response. It's high time they took our grievances seriously," added a resident.

Social media was abuzz on Thursday about the issues. But despite numerous complaints over the years, little has been done to improve the infrastructure in these areas.

The residents of Panathur and surrounding localities are calling for a long-term solution, emphasising on the need for better planning and execution of road and drainage works.

Complaints and pictures of the traffic chaos, with many users tagging local authorities and demanding immediate action, were put up on social media.

CCTV shows cars used to carry body

The police have imposed section 144 within a 200-metre radius of the Annapoorneshwarinagar police station, following the detention of actor Darshan and others. Meanwhile more details have emerged in the case of Renuka Swamy's murder, with CCTV footage providing critical evidence.

According to reports, the footage shows the cars used to transport Renuka Swamy's body. Another clip reveals his last moments at his pharmacy before being abducted.

Initial investigations suggest that Darshan, along with his aides, abducted Renuka Swamy, who was then held captive in a hideout in Bengaluru. Reports indicate that Darshan assaulted Renuka Swamy for allegedly sending derogatory messages to Pavithra Gowda about her alleged affair with Darshan. Renuka Swamy was reportedly tied up and beaten with sticks in Darshan and Pavithra Gowda's presence.

Police personnel put up barricades amid restrictions near the Annapoorneshwari Police Station where actor Darshan and others are kept in police custody, on Thursday

The latest CCTV footage captures the cars driving to the location where Renuka Swamy's body was disposed of. A security guard later discovered his body near a drain and alerted the police. This footage is a crucial lead, helping investigators piece together the events leading to his death.

According to reports, Pavithra Gowda is listed as accused number 1 and Darshan as accused number 2. Allegedly, Darshan planned to pay three individuals Rs 5 lakh each to take the blame for the murder, but this scheme was uncovered during interrogation. Renuka Swamy was reportedly abducted from Chitradurga, brought to Bengaluru, and kept captive in a shed owned by one of Darshan's associates.

3 more arrested

Three people, including the close aide of Darshan, were arrested in connection with the murder.

According to police sources, Darshan's aide Nagaraj was looking after all the dealings of the actor. He was also taking care of Darshan's farmhouse in Mysuru. Nagaraj was on the run ever since police arrested Darshan and the others.

Sources did not divulge details about his co-star Pradosh's role in the murder. Pradosh had appeared in minor roles in some movies where Darshan was the lead actor. Another henchman, Ravi, surrendered before the Deputy Superintendent of Police on Thursday. He is a resident of Kurubarahatti in Chitradurga, and was at large so far.

No special facilities

Law Minister HK Patil clarified on Thursday that no special facilities are being provided to Darshan.

"The shamiana installed on the premises of the police station is for the convenience of the additional staff deputed there in connection with the case," Patil told reporters here. "Action has been initiated against Darshan as per the law. No special facility is provided to him just because he is a VIP. Considering the seriousness of the case, prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the CrPC have been imposed," the Minister added. —BMB

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The High Court of Karnataka has held that employees cannot be regularised if their employment was through outsourcing contracts which do not intend to establish permanent positions. A single judge bench comprising Justice NS Sanjay Gowda said so while deciding Writ Petition in the case of Umesha TN and Ors vs. State of Karnataka.

It is the case of the petitioners that they were employed as binders and subsequently as printers from the year 2000 at the printing press in Tumakuru, and after the closure of the press, they were working at the printing press in Peenya on an outsourced basis. They contend that there were a total of 96 workers who had been initially employed and, thereafter, 50 had been absorbed, while the remaining continued to work on a piece-rate basis.

They also contend that the printing press at Tumakuru shut down in 2016 and they were asked to work in the press through different contractors, and this was done only to ensure that there was no evidence of a direct contract between the printing press and them. They had sought regularisation in 2018 and it was resolved that they would be absorbed as and when vacancies were created.

However, in February 2023, the government ordered the closure of the printing press at Peenya and transferred all the assets to the press on Mysore Road and in this order, the government had also decided to dispense the services of the 40 persons who had been appointed on outsourced basis. It is the case of the petitioners that the order was illegal since they had rendered nearly 22 years of service and their services could not be dispensed with.

The employees challenged the closure and termination which the High Court disposed of in June 2023, directing the state to consider their regularisation based on their long-term service. Despite this, the request for regularisation was rejected by the respondents. Following this, another writ petition was filed.

The court has noted that the employees were working on a contract basis and were not directly employed by the government printing press. It also noted that outsourcing as a policy decision was taken by the press in order to cut down on costs. It also found that there was no official records or documentation proving that the employees were directly employed by the press. It has held that regularisation of casual or temporary employees without following the recruitment procedures would contravene established legal principles.

The court granted relief in the form of monetary compensation in the range of Rs 5,00,000 - 6,25,000 to all 27 employees.

Justice for wildlife: Plea to set up fast-track court

Conservationist writes to Minister, flagging 71,255 pending cases of wildlife offences

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A Karnataka-based wildlife conservationist has written to Karnataka Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre to establish a fast-track court for speedy disposal of forest and wildlife-related offences.

The letter written by Giridhar Kulkarni on May 25 pointed out that thousands of cases related to forest, environment, and wildlife have been filed in Karnataka and are pending for several years and this is negatively impacting conservation efforts.

"Thousands of forest and wildlife offence cases have been filed in the state and hearings of these cases are pending in the Supreme Court, High Court, and district courts. This is when new cases are being registered every year. The slow disposal rate impedes conservation efforts," noted the letter.

According to the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD), as many as 71,255 forest offence cases under various categories such as encroachment, sandalwood, red sandalwood, wildlife, rosewood, and others are pending disposal. Between April and December 2023, over four thousand new cases were registered.

Experts underline that the recommendation to establish a fast-track court for speedy disposal of wildlife and forest-related crime cases was also recommended by the elephant experts task force formed by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in its report in August 2010.

Similarly, the Centre's Parliamentary Standing Committee on Environment and Climate Change recommended in 2006 that the Center and respective States establish fast-track courts for speedy disposal of forest, environment, and wildlife cases.

71,255 forest offence cases pending in categories like encroachment

Further, the National Wildlife Action Plan (2017-31) has also recommended that the Central Government and respective states should take the required steps and establish fast-track courts for speedy disposal of wildlife cases.

Also, the panel constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to improve and strengthen the working conditions of frontline forest staff has recommended setting up fast-track courts for speedy disposal of wildlife cases. An official order has been issued to the chief secretaries of all states.

> **"It is time Karnataka comes up with this provision as cases are piling up fast. The state govt and forest department should submit a proposal to the Law Ministry**
>
> –Giridhar Kulkarni

"Assam has already set up a fast-track court for trying wildlife offences. An affidavit has been submitted to the Odisha High Court to set up such a tribunal. In the past, a Supreme Court Judge has also emphasised the need for fast-track courts for forest and wildlife-related crimes. It is time even Karnataka comes up with this provision as cases are piling up fast. The state government and forest department should submit a proposal to the Ministry of Law and Justice and State Law Department in this regard," said Kulkarni.

Notably, a few months back, the forest department had plans to appoint a team of special officers to ensure speedy disposal of forest land encroachment cases in the state. The idea was to formulate a team of retired KFD officials that would not only file forest encroachment cases but would also take them to a logical end in an expeditious manner.

The department was planning to get the proposal approved by the state government and appoint a team of 80 officials. However, there has been no further development on that front.

Power outage today in several areas

Scheduled power outage on Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm in specified areas for maintenance by Karnataka Power Transmission Company Limited.

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Cabinet nod to investors' meet

The Karnataka cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, approved the holding of 'Invest Karnataka 2025', the Global Investors Meet, scheduled for February 12-14 next year in Bengaluru's Palace Grounds. This decision marks the government's effort to attract investments to the state, with The Boston Consulting Group (India) Private Ltd. appointed as the knowledge partner. A budget allocation of Rs 15 crore was approved in addition to the existing Rs 75 crore for the event. The cabinet also reviewed tender proposals from previous meetings and directed officials to expedite the tendering process and commencement of approved projects within a month.

Who is in-charge of roads to KG bus stand?

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BMTC buses to reach workplaces situated around the Kempegowda Bus Station or proceed towards their destinations. The passengers, especially those with luggage, have to struggle a lot to remain seated as the BMTC bus enters the KG Bus Stand because of the bad condition of the road.

"Our management has acquired a new fleet of buses by spending a lot of money. There is danger of these buses getting damaged due to the bad condition of the road. I am also finding it difficult to navigate the potholes and craters while entering the bus stand. It will be a great help if the authorities concerned - either BBMP or BMTC - asphalt the road without any delay," said a BMTC driver on the condition of anonymity.

Road near the KG Bus stand filled with potholes and craters

Entry, exit points are chipping off

BMTC drivers and conductors said the condition of the roads inside the KG Bus Stand is not bad but its entry and exit points on Dhanvantri Road and Gubbi Thotadappa Road need immediate attention of the authorities concerned. "The authorities can either asphalt the road or fill up potholes and craters on the road to enable smooth movement of BMTC buses. It may not cost them much money either," said a BMTC conductor.

Demanding the authorities get into action, Shaheen Shasa of Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike said the authorities have to take measures to fix the problem immediately. "It is quite surprising to see the condition of the road. I do not know why the officials are oblivious to the bad condition of the road. Thousands of BMTC buses use this road to enter and exit the KG Bus Stand. Authorities must attend to this problem on a priority basis," said Shasa.

When contacted, BMTC Public Relations Officer told BM that she would inform the BBMP officials about the condition of the road. "We have already written a letter to the BBMP to asphalt the road but they are yet to do it. I will remind them again," said the BMTC PRO.

Stating that the BBMP has to maintain the road, BMTC Managing Director Ramachandran R said that he would look into the matter. "I will discuss with the BMTC officials on this issue," the BMTC MD said.

However, BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer (Gandhinagar) Revanna said the road does not come under the BBMP's jurisdiction. "The road belongs to the BMTC. I am aware of the bad condition of the road. It seems there is a confusion among the BMTC authorities on the ownership of the road. The BBMP is responsible for the maintenance of the roads around the KG Bus Stand and certainly not responsible for the maintenance of the roads inside the KG Bus Stand," he said.

Lethal water claims 2 in Tumakuru

Two deaths have been reported in Chinnenahalli village, Tumakuru district, Karnataka, after nearly a hundred people fell ill from consuming contaminated water during a temple fair on June 10. The deceased, Chikkadasappa (76) and Peddanna (72) passed away at a hospital on Wednesday. Home Minister G Parameshwara, also the district's in-charge Minister, visited the hospital to assess the situation and check on those undergoing treatment. The affected individuals suffered from vomiting and diarrhoea, prompting some to seek treatment at private hospitals in Madhugiri, Koratagere, and Tumakuru. The district administration has shifted others to Tumakuru Hospital for medical care.

To-do list got you down?

Understanding the psychology of goals can help tick things off - and keep you on track

It feels like we are living in busy times.

According to the OECD Better Life Index, 12.5 per cent of Australians report working at least 50 hours a week, higher than the OECD average. Many Australians are also working more than one job to buffer against cost-of-living pressures.

Psychology has long been interested in our goals – our mental representations of desirable outcomes. Much of this research is on how we form, pursue and attain goals, plus how goals make us feel. Across studies, we see a consistent pattern of successful goal pursuit and wellbeing. So, having time to work toward our goals is important.

With this in mind, what is the best way to get things done – and how can we get better at achieving our goals, especially when we feel time poor?

Make a list

Most of us approach multiple goals with the age-old "to-do" list. First, you write down everything you need to do. Then you "check" or tick things off as you do them.

One reason to-do lists are useful is because we are more likely to remember things we haven't completed, rather than things we have. This is known as the Zeigarnik effect.

While to-do lists are easy to write, they don't always work. There are however various approaches for to-do lists that may improve their effectiveness.

Another thing to consider is the wide range of apps, tools and platforms that can make tasks more fun and outsource mental load. Adding elements of game play like point scoring or competition – called "gamification" – can help people work toward goals in educational and work settings. Similarly, app-based reminders can help people reach physical rehabilitation goals and form good exercise habits.

Finding your why

Researchers have focused a lot on the psychology of why people pursue goals – and how this affects their approach to tasks.

For example, some people want to complete a university degree because they want to get a job. Others may be more interested in developing skills or knowledge. In both cases, there is a desired outcome – albeit with differing reasons.

Our goals can be differentiated by who or what is driving them. Goals that feel like our own, and for which we experience a sense of intrinsic motivation, are known as "self-concordant". These goals represent enduring personal interests, are aligned with values and are positively linked to wellbeing.

Goal orientation theory offers a similar perspective. Using the same example, you may study so you score well on a test (a performance goal) or because you want to be sure you develop your knowledge (a mastery goal). Mastery goals tend to lead to better results and self-regulation.

Juggling goals – 4 to-do tips

So, what happens when we have multiple – perhaps even competing – goals, or goals that aren't so enjoyable? We might want to finish writing a report or assignment, then read a few chapters of a textbook – but also go to the gym and binge a few episodes of our favourite TV show.

In such scenarios, psychological science offers some insights into how we might stay task-focused, and on track to tick more items off our to-do list.

- Beware the planning fallacy. This happens when we underestimate the amount of resources (such as time) it will take to reach a goal. As writer and religious thinker William Penn put it: "Time is what we want most, but what we use worst". Think through the all the steps and time required to complete your goal.
- Monitor your progress. Incorporating goal monitoring into an activity can boost progress. And reviewing your estimations and expectations against your actual times and achievements can be used to calculate a "fudge ratio" to aid future planning. For instance, you could multiply your expected time on tasks by 1.5 to help buffer against the planning fallacy.
- Focus on mastery. Self-concordant goals and tasks feel easier, and their underlying tasks may be less subject to forgetting. Tedious but necessary goals (such as doing the dishes or filling out forms) are less intrinsically motivating. This means planning, reminders and support become more important to goal progress.
- Plan for derailments. People vary in their ability to plan and might forget to take a goal-directed action at an appropriate time (this could be one reason the average Australian streams 27 hours of video each week). Implementation intentions bring our attention back toward our goals by linking them to an environmental marker. These simple "if-then" plans are shown to help overcome issues with self-regulation. Such a statement might be "if I see the 'next episode' icon appear, I will get up and turn off the TV so I can read a chapter of my textbook".

With time being frustratingly finite, it is inevitable we will run out of time to do all of the things on our to-do list. Finding an approach that works for us will take time and effort. But it's probably a worthy goal in itself.

(By Kim M Caudwell, Charles Darwin University, The Conversation)

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 # SC rap for censor board

The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the June 14 release of Annu Kapoor's movie "Hamare Baarah" after taking note of allegations that the film is derogatory to the Islamic faith and married Muslim women

FEEL INSPIRED

Role can be big or small, Alaya digs inspiring stories

Alaya F is riding high on the success of 'Srikanth', which is nearing Rs 50 crore at the box office. Despite her brief performance in the biographical drama, the actress has enriched her filmography and taken home some positives from co-star Rajkummar Rao. Celebrating the success of the movie, Alaya says, "I am loving it. I mean, there's nothing better than having a film in theatres that people are liking, appreciating, going out and watching. So every day when I get the updated box office number, I feel such pride in posting it. Every film takes so much hard work and so many people are involved in the making of it, so when it gets love, everyone's work just feels validated. And it's such an important and inspiring story. I'm just proud to be a part of this film, which put a smile on so many faces, mine included."

Rajkummar Rao inspired Alaya as a co-star. "He is an extremely prepared actor, he knows his character and lines, inside out. And, he's someone that's just so easy to work with. Rajkummar is a lovely person and I think one of the biggest things I learned from him was that talent speaks volumes," says Alaya.

Alaya did not audition for the movie and greenlit it just over an informal meeting with the director, Tushar Hiranandani. "He told me that there was this part of Swati, which was not a very big role, but an important one... I told him very clearly, I don't care how big or small the part is, I just want to be a part of the story because it inspired me."

—Shivani Mankermi, ETimes

FLEXING MUSCLES

Actor Sidharth Malhotra is quite a fitness freak and his latest social media post a photo of himself from his workout session, has reinforced this.

On Wednesday, Sidharth dropped a photo of himself from his workout session on his Instagram handle.

Clad in a blue coloured vest that he teamed up with black shorts.

With an intense expression on his face, he can be seen doing a yoga pose while flexing his biceps.

Sharing the picture, "Hazy, but never lazy. #SidFit #Prep #reflections."

With this image, Sidharth left his fans drooling, they chimed in the comment section.

One of the users wrote, "Sid always fit."

Another user commented, "Morning view like this @sidmalhotra Yeh Dil maange more sir."

"You are the reason the summer is not going," another comment read.

Recently, the actor gave fans a peek into his workout regimen.

On the work front, Sidharth was last seen in Rohit Shetty's web series 'Indian Police Force' on Prime Video alongside Shilpa Shetty Kundra and Vivek Oberoi.

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Bollywood actress Taapsee Pannu, who is currently promoting her upcoming thriller 'Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba,' shared a sneak peek that appears to be from the film's set. The 'Dunki' actress on Wednesday, took to her Instagram account to drop a series of pictures in a bright yellow saree, drenched in water.

Taapsee looked stunning as she sported a maang tika and no makeup. Her wet, wavy hair added to the look as she posed confidently for the camera. Along with the pictures, Taapsee added a mysterious caption that said, "Sab log jidhar woh hain, udhar dekh rahe hain. Hum dekhne walon ki nazar dekh rahe hain."

Earlier, in February, the makers of the upcoming thriller unveiled the film's official teaser. The short teaser gives a glimpse into the world of upcoming sequel with the song 'Ek Haseena Thi' from the cult classic film 'Karz' playing in the background.

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SANDALWOOD SHOTS

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Clean comedy

Comedy movies are known for double-meaning dialogues but Ramesh Suresh is different. The trailer and audio of Ramesh Suresh were released recently. With this movie, Benaka, the grandson of veteran theater artist Gubbi Veeranna, makes debut as a hero in Sandalwood. The movie is bankrolled by P Krishna and B Shankar under the RK Talkies banner. It is directed by two directors – Nagaraj Malligenahalli and Raghuraj Gowda.

Producers Krishna and Shankar said that they launched the RK Talkies banner to encourage newcomers. "The teaser and the audio of the movie have received good feedback from movie goers. We are planning to release the movie on June 21," they said.

Directors Nagaraj Malligenahalli and Raghuraj Gowda said the film not only provides entertainment but also has a message to the audiences.

Benaka Gubbi Veeranna said it is a neat and clean comedy film.

Item song is ready

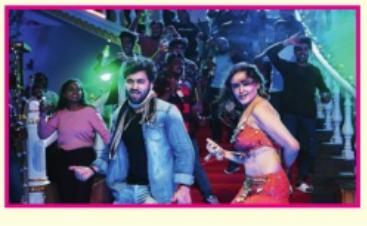
Director Sateesh Malempati has been busy with the preparations for the release of multilingual movie Kaadaadi. Akshith Shashikumar, who changed his name to Aditya Shashikumar plays the lead in the film that will be released in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi shortly.

The team released – Nooruputada Jeevana - third lyrical song of the movie as part of the promotional activities recently. This item song was written by Krishna and sung by Ananya Bhat. Sony Charista from Mumbai shook a leg to the song along with Aditya and junior artistes.

"I selected Aditya Shashikumar to play the lead in the movie because he is apt for the lead. I am confident of Kaadaadi's success at the box office as it has all the elements required to entertain the audiences," said Malempati.

He said the movie is aimed to convey a message to society. "The movie emphasises the need to contribute something to society. All of us have to do something good for the needy before we kick the bucket," he said.

The movie features Lavanya Sahukara, Chandini, Posani, Ravikale, Marimuththu, Prem Manohar, Shravan Raghavendra.



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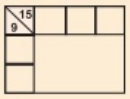
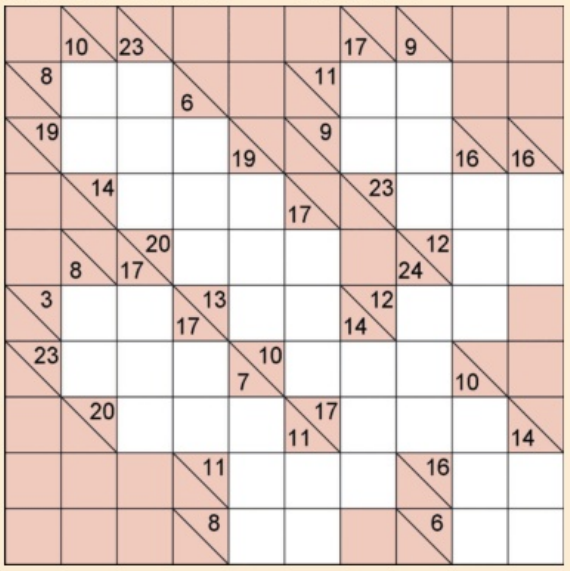
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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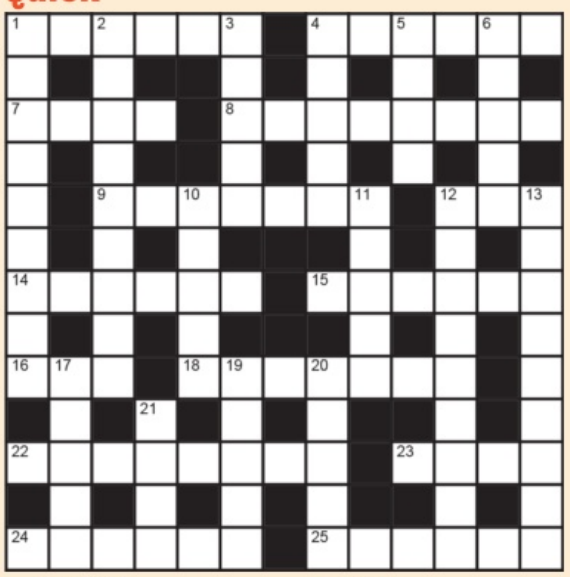


ACROSS

1 Break through (6)
4 Dignified or staid (6)
7 Place for building (4)
8 Conceived and created? (8)
9 Bangalore based tennis player who won the 2024 Australian Open doubles title (7)
12 Frequency unit (3)
14 Pungent vegetables (6)
15 Small restaurant (6)
16 Etna residue (3)
18 Pulling hard–the American way? (7)
22 Nuclear weapon (4,4)
23 Needle–case used by a woman (4)
24 Detestable (6)
25 Brigand, highwayman or robber (6)

DOWN

1 Samba–like dance (5,4)
2 Found; institute (9)
3 Israeli port (5)
4 VII for the Romans (5)
5 Fleming villain (2,2)
6 You eat with them (5)
10 British coin (5)
11 Plea–excuse (5)
12 Allayed, alleviated or reduced (9)
13 He is to animals what a botanist is to plants (9)
17 Filled to satisfaction (5)
19 Minute particles (5)
20 Galouti for one. Kakori for another (5)
21 Boss of a shield (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS G

L SLO UW RUAAO TP QUAD DKXLCPETGI EXLG L RDDJ UW RUAJ.

Linemaro

Are you the Energiser bunny? You keep going and going through my mind

Mindchow

The envious praise you unknowingly

Joke of the day

The phrase 'weaker sex' was coined by some woman to disarm the man she was preparing to overwhelm

Loop

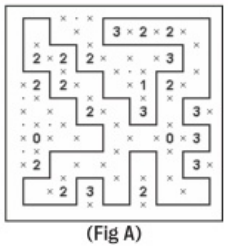
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

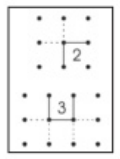
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

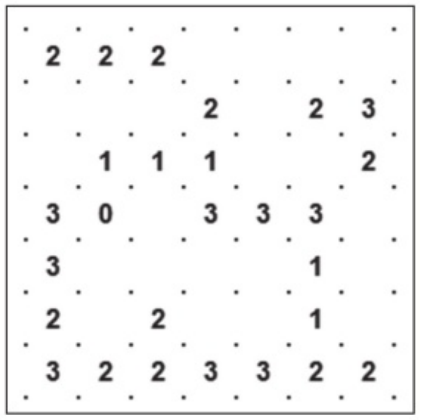
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead–end (Fig B)



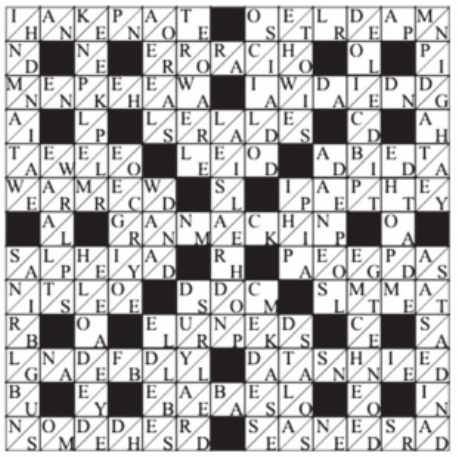
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



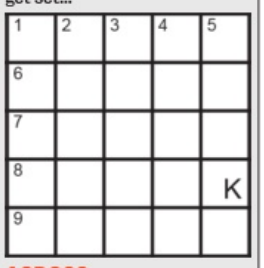
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 SS Cab; 6 Own me; 7 Amain; 8 Di Ken; 9 Go sty

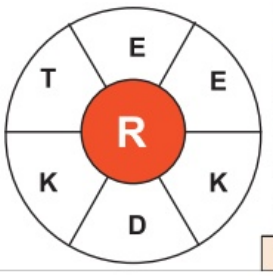
DOWN

1 DS saw; 2 Comte; 3 Amino; 4 Begin; 5 An Sky

Mensapuzzle

What does this represent:

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven–letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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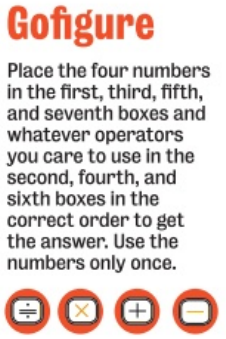
		4	7	6				

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Doorknob is missing. 2. Arm is not showing. 3. Line in sidewalk is moved. 4. Van is moved. 5. Bush is missing. 6. Tile is different.

Riddler

A 3–letter word has been taken out of each of the following words. Can you figure it out?

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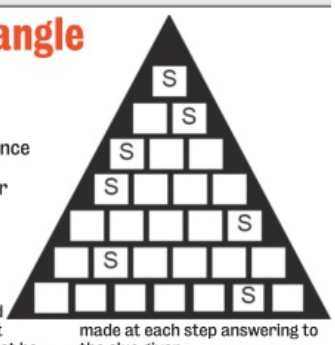
Alpha triangle

1 Curved letter
2 Good it gets
3 Perched
4 Season
5 Geography reference
6 Obliquely
7 Wall Street worker



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven–letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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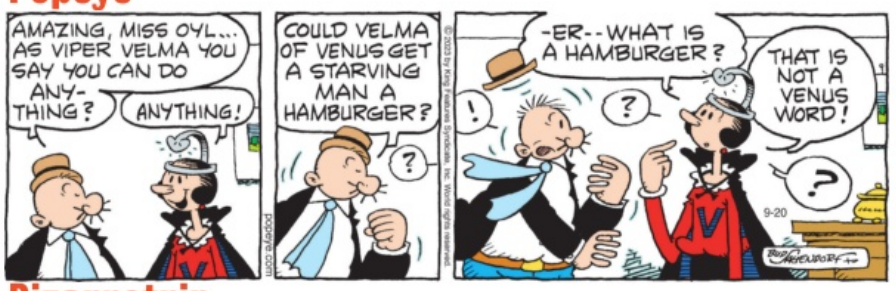
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ANYTHING!
COULD VELMA OF VENUS GET A STARVING MAN A HAMBURGER?
-ER--WHAT IS A HAMBURGER?
THAT IS NOT A VENUS WORD!
9-20

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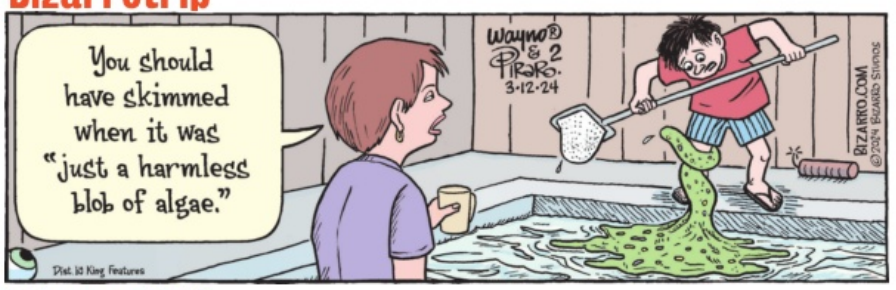
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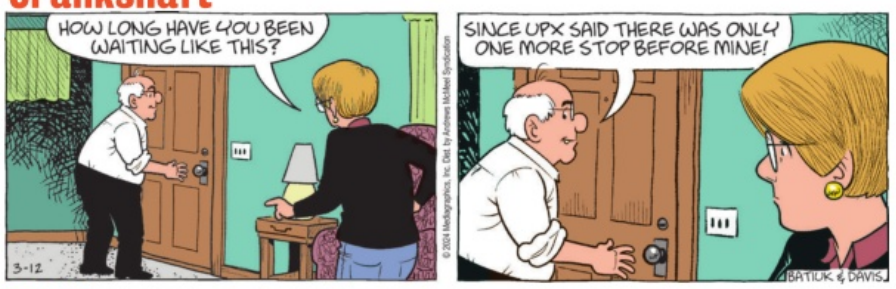

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and you may enjoy your family and professional life. You may become polite with the people around you, which may help in the smooth completion of your work. You may find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. You may also plan to renovate your house or office.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. You may enjoy your work, and you may get rewards for your hard work. Your social respect may be increased now. Overworking your mind may make you tired, and due to your workload, you may not be able to attend some family events. Health issues related to your parents may be cured now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may be satisfied at work. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also plan to travel overseas. You may also visit some religious places to maintain your inner peace. Your elders may likely show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may feel dull and nervous. It is advised to keep your mind cool, try to be patient, and avoid arrogance in your speaking. You may not be able to recover your money. You are also advised to avoid going on adventure tours. Students are advised to go for in-depth study to achieve success.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may feel good; domestic harmony may make you happy. You may meet some influential people who may help you get some benefits on the job front. You may be likely to perform well in your job, and you may expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes over inherited property may likely settle.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be healthy and be able to focus on your goals. Your performance may be very good at work; your boss may be happy with you; and you may get some important responsibilities at work. You may hear good news in any legal matter. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may understand the value of intellectual assets, and you are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. Controlling your short temper may help you perform your task smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earning, which may give you comfort in the workflow. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities a burden, and you may be in a hurry to complete the task given to you. You may make silly mistakes, which may affect your working efficiency and day-to-day work. You are advised to take advice from your consultant before making any important decisions.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon; you may hear good news from your sibling(s) and may spend your time with family and friends.
With the help of creativity, you may plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with family members, which will be beneficial in the near future. Your subordinates at the office may help you in terms of projects.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel negative. Tasks become incomplete, you may be a victim of mood swings, your patience may be tested many times, and silly mistakes make you confused. Lovebirds find themselves confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment to your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, a positive moon may help you. You may feel happy, work efficiently in your professional life, and your subordinates may cooperate with you to make some important business decisions. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network, which may be beneficial to the growth of your business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be detached from your responsibilities.
You may spend more on purchasing worthless stuff, which may increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals; otherwise, you may be a victim of a conspiracy. It is advised to read documents carefully before submitting your signature.

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RIDDLER
Err. Errand, Berry, Sierra, Ferret

QUICK

B	R	E	A	C	H		S	E	D	A	T	E		
O		S		A		E		R		E				
S	I	T	E		I	N	V	E	N	T	E	D		
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A		B	O	P	A	N	A		M	H	Z			
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O	N	I	O	N	S		B	I	S	T	R	O		
V	S		N		T		B		I		L			
A	S	H		Y	A	N	K	I	N	G		O		
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B	R	E	A	C	H		S	E	D	A	T	E		

MENSA PUZZLE
balanced diet

QUOTE UNCODE
A day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work.

SUDOKU

3	5	2	4	1	8	6	7	9
4	8	1	6	9	7	3	2	5
7	9	6	2	3	5	1	8	4
5	4	3	8	2	9	7	1	6
8	2	9	1	7	6	4	5	3
1	6	7	5	4	3	8	9	2
6	3	5	9	8	1	2	4	7
2	7	8	3	5	4	9	6	1
9	1	4	7	6	2	5	3	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
S, As, Sat, Salt, Atlas, Aslant, Analyst.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 3 − 7 + 6 = 10
Medium
8 − 2 − 5 + 6 = 7
Hard
4 × 2 − 3 × 8 = 40

LOOP

KAKURO

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